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**SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Preliminary to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims 1, 8, 17 and 47 to read as follows:

1. (Twice amended) A process of agglomerating metallic ore, said process comprising commingling said metallic ore with a moistening effective amount of water, a binding effective amount of a polymer selected from the group consisting of guar, guar derivatives and mixtures thereof, and a binding effective amount of a weak acid selected from the group consisting of citric acid, malic acid, tartaric acid and mixtures thereof to produce a mixture and forming said mixture into agglomerates.

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